AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF DEMILITARIZATION OF BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS ASSOCIATED FACILITIES AND THE PREVENTION OF PROLIFERATION OF BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY

Pursuant to Article IX of the Agreement between the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Uzbekistan concerning Cooperation in the Area of Demilitarization of Biological Weapons Associated Facilities and the Prevention of Proliferation of Biological Weapons Technology, dated October 22, 2001, hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement", the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Uzbekistan hereby agree:

- 1. To amend Article III by replacing the words "six million" with the words "sixteen million.
- 2. To amend Article V of the agreement by adding new Paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 as follows:
- "4. MOD or its designated executive agent shall collect and facilitate the transfer of requested pathogen samples to DoD for prophylactic, protective or peaceful purposes, and share data with DoD generated by the disease surveillance networks of MOD or its designated agents in order for the parties to better detect, diagnose and monitor disease outbreaks in Uzbekistan.

- 5. MOD or its designated executive agent, with assistance from DoD, shall remove dangerous pathogen collections from field stations and consolidate them at mutually-agreed, secure centralized laboratories in order to help prevent the potential proliferation of biological materials. In order to reduce long-term pathogen storage in field stations, DoD may provide molecular diagnostics capabilities, improved electronic communications, and equipment for the safe and timely transport of pathogen samples requiring further analysis to the central diagnostic laboratory facilities.
- 6. The MOD or its designated executive agent shall cooperate with DoD annually to develop a plan describing the underlying assumptions, requirements and responsibilities for each project being undertaken pursuant to this agreement, and MOD or its designated executive agent shall certify each such plan as accurate."

This Amendment shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain in force for the duration of the Agreement.

Done in duplicate, in the English and Russian languages. In case of differences in interpretation, the English language text shall prevail.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN:

July 29, 2003, Washington, DC

June 27,2003,

Tashkent